

PARLIAMENT SECURITY BREACH CASE

Terrorising MPs, others can't be condoned: Police oppose bail

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OPPOSING the bail pleas of three accused in the 2023 Parliament security breach case, police on Monday told the Delhi High Court here that carrying inflammable material inside the Parliament in smoke canisters and "terrorising the minds" of the parliamentarians cannot be condoned. The counsel for the Delhi Police said Manoranjan D and Sagar Sharma

were the "lead players" in the "high-level" conspiracy, and their actions created havoc, which was seen live on television.

A bench of Justices Prarthiba M Singh and Madhu Jain was hearing the bail plea by the accused Manoranjan D, Sharma and Lalit Jha. "There was a threat to the sovereignty and integrity of the country. They terrorised the minds of the parliamentarians, the staff and those watching," said the police

counsel. The Delhi Police lawyer further stated that the pamphlets with the accused carried an "open threat" to the prime minister and they intended to "usurp power". Use of smoke canisters containing inflammatory material and jumping into the Parliament cannot be condoned, he submitted. He also said that if released, the accused could influence the material witnesses, who were yet to be examined, and could also flee from

trial. The senior counsel for the accused, however, said the high court has already granted bail to two co-accused in the case. He urged the court to grant the relief to the three applicants as well, saying the trial was unlikely to conclude in the near future as even the charges were yet to be framed. On being informed that the trial court was scheduled to take up the case on February 6, the court said it would hear the matter on March 17. "Let's

see if charges are framed (by then)," the bench said.

The senior lawyer for the accused reiterated that while the Parliament was the temple of democracy and their way of "protest" might not be right, the

court should consider that they were not terrorists and nobody was injured. In a major security breach on the anniversary of the 2001 Parliament terror attack, accused Sagar Sharma and Manoranjan D allegedly



jumped into the Lok Sabha chamber from the public gallery during the Zero Hour on December 13, 2023, released yellow gas from canisters and raised slogans before they were overpowered by some MPs.

Cheating case

GPS tracking leads cops to arrest habitual offender

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THE Delhi Police has arrested a 40-year-old proclaimed offender for allegedly cheating a woman of her gold ornaments and cash in northwest Delhi, officials said on Monday. The arrest was made after the police tracked the movement of the accused's vehicle using a GPS device, they said. The accused, identified as Rahul, was arrested from the Model Town area. Police also recovered the car which was used in the commission of the crime.

According to the police, Rahul is a habitual criminal involved in nine cases, including robbery.



snatching, theft, culpable homicide. He is also a proclaimed offender in seven different cases. "He committed such offences to earn easy money," Additional Commissioner of Police (Northwest) Bishwanth Singh said in a statement.

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on January 18 when a 55-year-old woman was travelling from her residence to Uttam Nagar. While she was waiting at the Haiderpur bus stand, the occupants of a car offered her a lift, claiming to be bank officials. Once she boarded the vehicle, the accused persuaded

her to hand over her gold ornaments and cash for "verification", stating they were also depositing their own money. The woman handed over two gold rings, two ear tops and Rs 5,000 in cash.

Shortly after, the accused asked her to alight quickly and handed her an envelope, claiming that bank officials had arrived.

Upon checking, the woman found the only papers in the envelope, while the accused fled with her belongings. The woman later approached the police and lodged a complaint. Following the complaint, police analysed technical inputs and traced the car used in the crime.

Road accident leads to arrest of mobile snatcher

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A 22-year-old man was arrested after a road mishap exposed his alleged involvement in a mobile phone snatching spree in central Delhi, police said on Monday. The accused, Ritik alias Kalwa, a resident of Paharganj, was caught near the Model Basti red light on Rani Jhansi Road and three mobile phones, suspected to be stolen, were recovered from his possession, they said.

According to police, a constable was on routine patrolling in the early hours of January 27 noticed a motorcycle carrying three youngsters collide with a stationary car. On seeing the police approaching, the trio allegedly became nervous and tried to flee. Sensing something amiss, the

constable chased them and managed to nab one of the riders, while the other two escaped on the motorcycle, police said.

During a search, police recovered three mobile phones from the accused and further investigation revealed that one of the phones was linked to a snatching case registered at Moti Nagar police station, while another was connected to a similar case in Lahori Gate police station, police said. According to the police, the accused failed to produce ownership documents for the third phone.

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unserved/underserved airstrips. Replying to supplementaries during Question Hour, Union Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu said, "UDAN scheme has revolutionized the Indian civil aviation sector, and we were able to extend the connectivity to regional remote areas, especially the areas of tier two and

Union Budget: AIIMS gets Rs 5,200 crore

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NEW DELHI

THE Union Budget presented on Monday announced separate allocations for central government hospitals located in Delhi, continuing the annual practice of earmarking funds for key healthcare institutions in the capital. The largest share of the allocation has been given to AIIMS Delhi, while increased funding has also been announced for Safdarjung Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College, Sucheta Kriplani Hospital and Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital is the only institution among the six to see a reduction in its budget compared to the previous year.

AIIMS Delhi has been allotted Rs 5,200 crore in the current budget, a move aimed at strengthening the healthcare system in the national capital.



Budget trends over the last few years show a steady rise in allocations for AIIMS Delhi. The institute received Rs 4,134.67 crore in 2023-24 and Rs 4,523 crore in 2024-25, reflecting an increase of nearly Rs 397 crore. The continued rise in funding is intended to strengthen infrastructure, enhance equipment capacity, recruit specialist medical staff and expand super-specialty services, including beds, ICU facilities and research infrastructure. Among other central

government hospitals in Delhi, Safdarjung Hospital has been allocated Rs 2,179.58 crore, Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital Rs 1,458.26 crore, Lady Hardinge Medical College and Sucheta Kriplani Hospital Rs 800 crore, and Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital Rs 183.16 crore. The total allocation for these five hospitals stands at approximately Rs 8,821 crore, compared to Rs 8,937 crore in 2024-25, marking an overall increase of Rs 884 crore.

Rules under new labour code to be finalised by month-end, HC told

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THE Centre on Monday told the Delhi High Court that rules under the Industrial Relations Code will be finalised by the end of February. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta and Additional Solicitor General Chetan Sharma informed a bench of Chief Justice D K Upadhyaya and Justice Tejas Karia that suggestions from the public had been sought and framing of rules was under consideration. The court was hearing a petition on the implementation of the Industrial Relations Code 2020, which consolidates all laws relating to trade unions, conditions of employment in an industrial establishment and settlement of industrial disputes. According to the petitioners, N A Sebastian and Sunil Kumar, the Central government published a gazette notification on November 21, 2025, notifying the Industrial Relations Code 2020, but did not frame the rules to implement the new regime or constitute the new code.

The court closed the proceedings, observing that the petitioners' concerns had been addressed. It said that if there were any "hiccups" in the implementation of the new labour code after the formulation of the new rules, the petitioner could raise them in a petition at that stage.



Gupta said that on the first day of the programme, Surya Prakash Khatri, Poonam Bhardwaj and Anil Jha underwent medical examinations. Describing the initiative as a positive and necessary step, he said public representatives are required to remain actively engaged with people and therefore must prioritise their health. He remarked that effective public service is possible only when representatives are physically fit, mentally healthy and emotionally balanced.

He further stated that the programme will run for two weeks, from February 2 to February 14, and that five MLAs are expected to participate daily with enthusiasm.

Stressing the importance of preventive healthcare, Gupta said regular health check-ups become especially important after the age of 40, when early detection and prevention of health issues can significantly improve long-term well-being.

2 airports, nine helipads identified in HP under UDAN scheme: Center

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THE government on Monday informed the Rajya Sabha that two airports and nine helipads have been identified in Himachal Pradesh for operating flights under the UDAN scheme providing air connectivity to remote areas. The Regional Connectivity Scheme-Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) was launched in 2016 with an aim to enhancing regional air connectivity to remote and unserved areas of the country through a demand based bidding mechanism that incentivises airlines to connect

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tier three cities, where we were able to establish the airports, but the connectivity was still a challenge". Through this scheme, he said the government has been able to operationalise 657 routes, and 1.59 crore passengers have travelled in these routes also. "So the success of this UDAN story needs to be continued,



because we are in the plan of opening up more airports in the country. So it is a necessity that UDAN needs to be extended," the minister said. Naidu said the government has been making changes in the scheme based on the feedback from stakeholders. "I am very thankful to

the finance minister who in the last budget only announced that the UDAN is going to be extended. And the specific things that were mentioned was 120 new destinations are going to be established in the coming 10 years... especially the hilly terrain, the north eastern states, the Himalayan states are going to be given a priority in establishing regional connectivity," the minister said. Naidu said Himachal Pradesh and to the extent Shimla is going to be there in the extended UDAN also. "Under the UDAN scheme, two airports and nine helipads have been identified in the state of Himachal Pradesh for development and operation of RCS flights," the minister said. A total of 38 RCS routes have been operationalised, connecting 6 aerodromes namely Shimla, Kullu, Rampur (Heliport), Mandi (Heliport), Reckong Peo (Heliport) and Sanjauli (Heliport) in Himachal Pradesh.

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